



For the Liberator.
THE SLAVE-MOTHER'S DIRGE FOR HER CHILD.

BY LUCY A. COLBY.

Slumber softly in the peaceful grave!
Over thee the wild bananas wave,
And among the broad leaves play
Softest zephyrs all the day;
Birds, with sunbeam-painted wing,
Hither come, their songs to sing,
And the brightest blossoms spring
Round thy place of slumbering!

Slumber softly! though I miss the smile
That had power my sorrow to beguile;
Though the voice, whose accents glad
Cheered me when my heart was sad,
Now no longer greets my ear:
Let me check each falling tear,
For thou hast departed hence,
In thy guileless innocence!

Slumber softly! then wilt wak no more!
Slumber softly! all thy pains are o'er!
Never more on thee the lash
Will inflict the bloody gash!
Never more shall I behold
Thee in cruel bondage sold!
Rest thee in thy peaceful grave,
Thou no longer art a slave!

Danvers, March, 1852.

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TRUTH.

Truth is earnest, Truth is fearless, ever dwelling in the light;
Still by Error's frowns undaunted, striving only for the Right:
Truth is strong, and noble ever—and no power its course may stay;
No dark misfits of Persecution long can veil its cheering ray.
If ye quench awhile its brightness, or obscure its blessed light;
Still ye may not long enshroud it—Truth will pierce through Error's night;
Where pale Superstition dwelleth, and the heart in terror holds,
Where Oppression's gory banner yet fair Freedom's form enrolls,
Still will Truth, the bright Sun-seeker, whisper in the people's ear,
And no fetters long can bind them, when that voice of power they hear.
Its lone whispers thrones have shaken—with a start the tyrant woke,
And behold a slumbering nation break th' oppressor's iron yoke;
Where time-honored, old opinions long have held tyrannic sway,
See how with unfeeling footstep Truth pursues its onward way.
Ever be thy course triumphant, messenger of good to man!
Many a heart with joy will greet thee, shelter thee with liberal hand;
Soon around thy radiant forehead will Fame's laurel wreath be twined,
Earnest hearts will break the shackles that control the free-born mind.
Truth, how glorious is thy mission—thus a world to save and bless,
And in place of strife and envy, plant Love, Peace, and Righteousness. CARRIE.
Barre, Mass.

From the Pennsylvania Freeman.

WARNING TO THE 'POWERS THAT BE.'

BY A. G. CAMPBELL.

Treason! yes, make it treason, if ye will;
Build up your gallows, and your victims bring
Forth from their gloomy dungeons! bind their hands;
Tie, with your pious fingers, round their necks,
The consecrated rope; then spring the trap,
And let the traitors drop! then let them hang.
A solemn sacrifice unto your God.
Call to your priests! Let Stuart, Dewey, Lord, Spencer and Spring, with all their train, attend
To join the holy sacrament, and chaunt, In pleasing concord, praise unto the Great
And most Piusant Deity, whose throne Is built on human souls, and laved with seas Of human blood! Ay! let their thankful songs With Hell's horses shout of diabolic joy Ascend in unison! Precious indeed To modern Moloch is the agony Of the fond mother, when her child is snatched From her maternal grasp, to be no more Clasped loosely upon her bosom—or The piercing shriek of the poor hunted slave, Torn piecemeal by his bloodhounds.

But, take heed;
Know that a day of reckoning is at hand,
For God is just, and Justice shall not sleep
Forever. Even now, behold how shrikes This guilty nation from its centre 'e'en Unto its broad circumference. In wrong Were its foundations laid, and crime inwrought Into its structure. It must fail! The slave Shall o'er its ruins make his exodus From cursed bondage; and as Israel's hosts Saw their oppressors utterly destroyed, When God had wrought deliverance from their foes, And sang his great salvation,—so the bound And stricken millions of our land shall stand Freed from their shackles, and the arm of God, Made bare in their deliverance, they shall see Strike sorely their oppressors. Then shall they Exult and sing—God is our strength and song! In glory hath he triumphed o'er our foes, And led us forth to mercy, and redeemed!

Patterson, N. J.

THE 'SAY SO' OF THE PEOPLE.

Know autocrats! aristocrats!

All men with sounding titles!

Whoso have wrung, with demon-grasp,

The pauper's shrunken vials—

Man has awakened in his might,

He knows the wrong, he knows the right!

We say it—We, the People!

God did not say that some should starve,

While others eloy with pleasure;

He did not constitute a class

The keeper of his treasure!

It has seemed thus before, but light

Has shown the burthen'd what is right—

We say it—We, the People!

There's land enough for every man's

Roof-tree to grow and flourish,

Enough each child of human birth

To suckle and to nourish;

And now, when waken'd in our might,

We know our wrong, we'll claim our right!

We say it—We, the People!

THE LIBERATOR.

He never said that any man

Was born to rule another;
But told us that we each should treat
Our fellow as our brother:

And now awakened in our might,

We mean to have it so—'tis right;

We say it—We, the People!

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DEFENCE OF KOSSETH.

Reply of Dr. MANN, of Danvers, to the speeches of Messrs. GARRISON and PHILLIPS, in condemnation of KOSSETH, at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts A. S. Society, at the Melodeon, Jan. 20, 1852.—

Dr. Mann said he would not presume to defend Kosseth as a faultless man, before a court evidently determined to condemn him, but would only offer such extenuations as might incline his judges to mitigation of censure. For himself, he believed in the absence of the superior light emanating from our system—for I do not know that a single missionary from among us went to New York, to welcome him on shore, and to show him the right path. Even now he may be ignorant of our sentiments, and perhaps of our existence, and quite unaware of the thunderbolt about to fall upon his head from your table.

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The clergyman thought the church should do this work. Mr. S. thought the true church did do it. The meetings for moral reform he believed to be the church of Christ. He was there that day to worship God. The abolitionists were doing the work that Christ came to do—to seek and save the lost. They would save Daniel Webster, even, if they could.

In conclusion, Mr. Spear invited abolitionists to get out of his way if they could, and at the same time do their duty to the slave; but if they could do but one, he would have them do their duty.

INCIDENTS ON THE CAPE.

MR. GARRISON:

DEAR SIR.—If you think proper, will you give the following an insertion in your valuable paper? I have never thought of making reports, but possibly one or two incidents in this may interest the friends of reform.

From Boston, I came first to Hyannis, where I had very good meetings; from Hyannis to Harwich, and thence to Provincetown. At the latter place, my first and free lecture was but thinly attended; the very name of woman's right seeming to affright the people. Many, as they afterwards told me, waited to see what others said of it, and to know whether it would do for them to listen or not. But before my series was half given, the numbers increased, until I found it necessary to take a larger hall, that the audience might be accommodated; and I have reason to think that the subject had the highest approval of the very finest minds in the place. A series of religious meetings was in progress at the time, but it made little difference, some of the most devoted leaving their church occasionally to listen to this new revelation from the spirit of humanity to man.

I wonder that anti-slavery speakers have not visited this region; but I have promised them a lecture on this subject, and intend to redeem my pledge, so soon as I can find the requisite time. (Since writing the above, Mr. Putnam, a lecturer on this subject, has passed through, on his way to town.) That is the grandest reform of the age; for, loudly as the signs of the times call for the more liberal infusion of the feminine element into the public mind, yet the scourge of slavery remains the most stupendous curse that ever rested upon the bosom of creation—a colossal sin, before which all others cower, and shrink into nothingness. True, the encravement of women would do much toward abolishing this and many other deadly evils, and it is for this that we plead. Wherever woman is in her purity, there will be found in the full strength of her manhood; but, short of the grace that belongs peculiarly to womanhood, deprived of the gentle infamy of the female mind, man is divorced from the best aid that God himself could provide. *It is for this we plead*; for the restoration of purity and righteous rule. Do not courtesy, gallantry, chivalry, every noble impulse within urge us to do this?

On the score of generosity, let us excuse him. Accordingly say that he is wearing himself out and sinking under his arduous labors. Will you force this great work also upon him? I see a man struggling through the surf with an overload of shipwrecked drowning children. I see that he is almost exhausted; he staggers, he sinks, but he rises again, and struggles bravely on. There is some hope that he may reach the shore. Shall I shout to him, "Ho, you Kosseth of the waves!" see, another shipwrecked crew is beyond you! Dare not to come to land till you have also taken them in your arms. True, you will sink in the effort, with all your load, but you will get a crown of glorious martyrdom! Perhaps the old salt might not hear; or, hearing, might not understand; or, understanding, might not obey. Shall I tell him with pebbles?

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Yours, &c., E. R. COE.

SPEECH OF ABBY KELLEY FOSTER, At the Woman's Rights Convention, held in Worcester, in October last.

Mrs. ABBY KELLEY FOSTER rose and said:—

Madam President: I rise this evening not to make a speech. I came here without any intention of even opening my mouth in this Convention. But I must utter one word of congratulation, that the cause which we have come here to aid, has given such evidence this evening of its success. When genius that could find ample field elsewhere, comes forward and lays itself on this altar, we have no reason for discouragement; and I am not without faith, that the time is not far distant, when our utmost desires shall be gratified, when our highest goals shall be realized. I feel that the work is more than half accomplished.

I have an idea, thrown into the form of a short resolution, which I wish to present to this Convention, because no one else has brought it forward. I feel that behind, that underneath, that deeper down than we have yet gone, lies the great cause of the difficulties which we aim to remove. We complain that woman is inadequately rewarded for

frequent efforts, where failure was of little consequence; but when Kosseth begins, he must not be a beginner, but a champion, armed at all points. Mr. Burleigh says Kosseth's friends cannot assume that he is ignorant on the subject, since he knows that to engage in it would endanger his mission. But it seems clear, that a man may know enough to keep out of a discussion, and yet not know enough to engage in it with advantage.

We know that Kosseth's silence on this subject is in accordance with the advice of the leading anti-slavery men of New York, including Lewis Tappan, Judge Jay, and the heads of the American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, who are, to some extent, the recognized exponents of American Anti-Slavery. Can he be blamed for taking their advice, in the absence of the superior light emanating from our system?—for I do not know that a single missionary from among us went to New York, to welcome him on shore, and to show him the right path. Even now he may be ignorant of our sentiments, and perhaps of our existence, and quite unaware of the thunderbolt about to fall upon his head from your table.

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